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Previous References

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No. 81-3(1-8) RR 501-40(1-3)
SAA 465-39(1-2)
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Serial Nos. 13

Part B for August 1933

SUBJECT.

Scheme for the management of Sivasamut Temple and Connected Charities

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To. The Mez Comr
No. 122 of 2-8-33

Forwards copy of the order of Board of Commissioners for Hindu Religious Endowments Madras on the Subject

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Letter no C 638/25-26 of 30-9-1931 - from the Mysore Commissioner regarding sanction to the proposal of the Deputy Commissioner Mysore district for the continuance of the establishment appointed for the collection of arrears in Periyapatna and Hagalipura villages belonging to Sivasamudram Village till the end of June 1932.

Dfts sanctioning the proposal is submitted for orders. Points noticed in paras 71 & 72 are inserted in the Dft.

The year been particulars furnished by the Amildar of ..... reveal a certain amount of negligence on the part of the Collection staff. Dft. order sanction in the recommendation of the M.C. and reviewing the Collection work is submitted for consideration.

H. Secy

6.10.2

Issue

7.10.31

Extract taken for taking action in intimating about the Collection staff

Dfts 8/7/32

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Extract from minutes taken at the meeting of staff 8/7/32

G.O. No 5.20-21 of 9.10.31 sanctioning the request of the Mazrai Commissioner [illegible]

Letter No 7496/626-1931 of 16/10/31 from the Secretary to the Resident forwarding a copy of the draft scheme proposed to be settled for the administration of the Sri Ranganatha Swami [illegible] temples and connected Charities in Srivasanmdram. and requesting the views of the Durbar [illegible] proposed [illegible]

[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ Cross-up the Secretary on the P.W.D. [illegible] to the connected file at once".

[illegible] reference is invited to Mug 177-25 (7 lag) - It is at the instance of the previous M.C. that the draft scheme is obtained vide M.C's R.O. note No 638/25-26 of 30/5/31. The opinion called for in paras 55 to 58 of the reference file may now be obtained from the M.C.

K.P. -

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G.S. 17/10.

H. Secy) 17.10.31

2nd Member) yes 19.10.31

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(12) Issue 26.10.31

5 Letter no 596 dt 27.10.1931 to the Madurai Commissioner calling for his views on the draft Scheme for the administration of the Sri Ranganathaswami temple and the endowments thereto as Sivasamudram.

Letter no 638/25-26 dt 5/12/1931 from the Madurai Commissioner stating that under the circumstances detailed therein he cannot recommend the acceptance of Government the draft scheme by the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Board for the administration of the Sri Ranganatha Swami temple and its endowment Sivasamudram.

(19) A reply to the Residency is due on the matter. For details as to the line adopted the reply should be sent. (Refer letter no G.S. 3546/168-1930 dt 15.5.31 from the Residency and M.C. note of the M.C. no 638/25-26 dt 30.5.31 in Misc 177-25-18)

Jus B see the 15th prop. dt 28/10

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H. Secy

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21 The M. C's recs. may be accepted.

2nd member

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agree. But the
H.C.'s views are more or less
negative & do not include any
concrete proposals to make the
scheme more acceptable.
The [illegible] to
[illegible]

Devan

[illegible] 17/12/31

[illegible] In the draft scheme
the valuables of the temple
are proposed to be in the
joint custody of the Supdt
& the Hereditary Trustee &
this Govt, ~~trust~~ has been
given no part in either
the custody or inspection
of the jewels.

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H. Secy

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[illegible] 1st Member

[illegible] 23/12/31

Issued on [illegible]

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7	To. Pol. No 693 dated 24.- to the Secy to the Hon the Resident stating that the enclosure forts do not agree with the draft scheme of the Refugees Elections and Board.

Secy B (2.132) 28.12.31.

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No. 2453 Ca.
626 of 1931.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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FROM

Captain G. Kirkbride, I.A.,
SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Financial Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore. 12 April, 1932.

Subject.

Management of Sree Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities in the island of Sivasamudram.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter Pol.693/81-31-7, dated the 24th December 1931 I am directed to forward a copy of letter No.2512-E/32-1, dated the 10th February, 1932 from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras, on the above subject, and to request that the views of the Government of Mysore as to the lines on which they desire the draft scheme prepared by the Board to be modified may kindly be furnished for transmission to the Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

The N.C. has, if approved be consulted

1st member 8.4.32

Misc 31 10.4.32

11/4/32

12.4.32

No 1470 of 13.4.32 to the Mysore Commissioner calling for his views

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Letter from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras, No.2512-E/32-1, dated the 10th February, 1932.

Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities in the island of Sivasamudram.

Reference:- Government Memorandum No.2475-1 E-2 L & M., date the 22nd January, 1932.

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In the letter from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore to the Secretary to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore No.Pol.693 Muz.81-31-7, dated the 24th December 1931, a copy of which has been forwarded with the Government memorandum quoted above, no definite suggestions have been made as to the lines on which the draft scheme prepared by this Board should be modified to satisfy the wishes of the Mysore Government. The Board would like to have such suggestions for its consideration before it passes final orders in the proceedings pending for the settlement of a scheme for the temple in question.

2. In view of the present communication of the Mysore Government, the Board is prepared to provide in the scheme for the following matters:-

(i) The properties given by the Mysore Government may be treated as a specific endowment and that Government constituted as the trustee thereof.

(ii) For utilising the income from that trust in the temple and accounting for its expenses, the Mysore Government may itself appoint a Superintendent who should, however, submit periodical statements or other returns that may be required for the information of this Board which will have to exercise general supervision under Madras Act II of 1927 as in the case of all other religious endowments.

(iii) The heriditary trustee shall manage the temple utilizing any other income that is available without interfering with the work allotted to the Superintendent under the scheme. Such management will, of course, be subject to the provisions of the scheme, the Act and the rules and by-laws, framed thereunder.

3. The Board cannot, in settling a scheme, remove the

hereditary

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Letter No. C 6387/25-26 dt 19.5.32 from the Muzrai Commissioner stating that the Scheme for the management of Sri Ranganatha Swami Temple and Charities at Sivasamudram may be accepted with certain modifications suggested therein

The Sch. Scheme of H.R.E. Bd. Madras is flagged A. Modifications first suggested by the Bd are as in communications of 10.2.32 (Ora

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Whether modifications now suggested by the M.C. may be accepted & a reply sent to Residency accordingly is for orders —

Cys Kaeto M/S.

35 A kind perusal of para 3 of the letter of the Presdt, Hindu Religious Endowments Board dt 10.2.32 recd as enclosure to letter dt 7/4/32 from the Secy to the Resdt to the Fin Secy makes it clear that there will be only one paid Trustee and one Hereditary trustee.

36 Perhaps the Board will not agree to the deletion of cl: iii of para 2 of the letter refd to above in view of the strong opinion they have expressed in favour of the Hereditary trustee in para 3 of the same letter.

37 If approved the M.C's ~~letter~~ views

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will be communicated to the Residency.

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For Secy)

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A draft may be attempted for facilitating consideration.

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Subtd. with a draft
Recd.
15/6/32
For Secy)

For approval or other orders.

16/6/32

As pointed out by the A/S, the M.'s views go beyond the modified scheme, in which also the opinion of the Govt. is invited now. I have revised the draft, a clean copy of which may be put up

18/6/32

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Letter No. 542/31-32 dt 20.6.32 from the Sec. stating that the settlement of the scheme of admn. of the Srivasanamai temples should be postponed till 27th June 1932. (Remarks of Secy)

Typed draft Subtd.

A letter as abstracted in the margin has been received today from the M.C. in which Sir Fl. Gray has remarked that the papers have to be submitted to I Member at once.

Recd.
21/6/32

Submd. with draft as revised by the For Secy.

21/6/32

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21 JUNE 1932
No. 8355

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This is rather a difficult question and it requires careful consideration. The modifications in their original draft scheme suggested by the Board of Commissioners are, no doubt, an improvement, but the position from our point of view is still unsatisfactory. We have to see whether a better arrangement than that proposed by the Board cannot be devised.

The modified scheme vests the management of the institution in two agencies, viz., (1) the hereditary trustee, and, (2) a Superintendent to be appointed by the Government of Mysore. This arrangement is likely to be found unsatisfactory in practical working as there would be points of contact between the two agencies occasioning differences and conflicts. The best course would be to vest the management only in one agency. If, however, it is necessary to continue both the agencies, it is essential that the dominant voice should be that of one agency, the other party taking a subordinate place and deferring to the wishes of the other.

For deciding this question it is necessary to ascertain what sources of income other than the revenues from the two villages endowed by the Government of Mysore this Institution has and what amounts it receives annually from these sources. Our information is that the bulk of the revenues of the Institution are derived from the endowed villages in Mysore and its income from other sources is insignificant. If this is proved

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to be the position, the claim of the Government of Mysore to have the sole or a dominant voice in the administration of the Institution should be conceded. We may request the Government of Madras through the Residency to kindly obtain and furnish information on this point.

47 In his letter dated 10th February 1932, the President of the Board states that "the Board can not, in settling a scheme, remove the hereditary Trustee". It is not clear how the claim of the Jahgirdar of Sivasamudrum to be the hereditary Trustee of the Institution has been admitted. He has been repeatedly found to be guilty of mismanaging the affairs of the Institution and of misusing its funds. He has several times contended that the endowed villages formed his personal Inam and were not meant for the benefit of the Institution and this claim has been proved to be clearly untenable from the terms of the Sannad making the endowment and of the Inam Settlement relating to the Institution. It is not also known if he has made any endowments to the Institution. The justification for the recognition of a hereditary Trustee in the case of an Institution is that any alienation of his sympathie would affect prejudicially its pecuniary interests by depriving it of any benefit it might receive at his hands. As observed above, this Jahgirdar does not appear to have made any benefactions in favour of this Institution, nor has he given any evidence of his desire to do so hereafter. On the other hand, he has several times claimed that the

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whole property endowed to the Temple is his own and intended for his personal benefit. The general judicial opinion appears to be that claims to succeed ~~to a~~ by hereditary right to a trustee's office or a religious office should be looked upon with strong disfavour. In view of these considerations and of the undesirability of the association of the Jahgirdar with the administration of the Institution, the best course, if possible, would be not to recognize him as a hereditary Trustee of the Temple, and vest its sole management in the Government of Mysore.

48 Section 3 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act gives to the Government of Madras the power to exempt any endowment from the operation of all or any of the provisions of the Act and we might suggest the exemption of this Institution under this provision.

49 We need have no objection to furnish for the information of the Board the annual budgets and accounts of the Institution or to inspection on behalf of the Board, of the Temple and connected charities at Sivasamudrum.

50 We might make another attempt as suggested above to obtain the right of full management of the Institution. If, however, it proves unsuccessful, we might then suggest an arrangement which will give us all the rights and privileges necessary for the efficient administration of the Institution, associating the Jahgirdar nominally with it to comply with the formal requirements of the law if his appointment as a hereditary Trustee

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must be allowed under it.

A draft to the Residency may be put up for submission to the Dewan.

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Submitted with a draft.
Keen
8/7/32

Put up clean draft as desired please
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Fair draft submitted
Keen
11/7/32
(for Secy)

For approval
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11/7/32

12/7

(for Mr Dewan)
Please keep a fair draft in the file.
Muz
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Fair draft submitted
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14/7
(Dewan)

Entered
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14/7/32

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62) 16/7/32

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Pol 62 of 18/7/32 to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore Bangalore. Calling for additional information in respect of the draft Scheme for the management of Sri Ranganathaswami Temple and connected Charities at Srivaikuntam.

Letter No 688/25-26 of 25/7/32 from the Muzrai Commissioner stating that it is intimated by the President of the Endowments Board that the settlement of the Scheme referred to therein stands adjourned to 1st Aug 1932.

63 Additional information has been called for from the Residency. Without obtaining and final views on the Scheme, they will not be in a position to settle the Scheme. The required information called for is awaited.

64 Cross of the Secretary on the P.U.O.

Submit to First Member.

Pl accordingly.

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I Member

65 Please send copy of letter to Rem'l M/C

29/7/32

M/C

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67 O/A. sent

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OFFICE OF THE FIRST M. 29 JULY 1932 No. 685

4 AUG. 1932 L. & REV. SEC.

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No 261 of 9.8.32 to the Inam Commissioner forwarding for information copy of letter no PDL 62 of 18/7/32 addressed to the Residency in the matter.

No 638 of 5/10/32 from the Inam Commissioner forwarding for information copies of letter no 23819 E/32-2 of 28/9/32 from the President Hindu Religious Endowments Board Madras and his letter thereto of 3/10/32 & stating that a further report will be submitted after discussion on the subject with Mr. Sambandha Mudaliar.

Filed to First Member for information

Intd SS.
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Intd M. N. R.
13/10/32

Intd B. M.
15/10

Memo no. 7109/626-1931 of 21/10/32 from the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore Bangalore forwarding copy of letter no 41964-1/E-2/L+M of 1.10.32 from the Government of Madras regarding the Management of Sri Ranganathaswamy temple at Sivasamudram and the connected charities and requesting to be informed 23.

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of the lines on which the draft Scheme may be modified.

(ii) The rules of Cohiba in the [illegible] may be sent to the M.C. (with a request that the [illegible] (promised in his letter of 5.10.32) [illegible] further [illegible] discussion [illegible] meetings. It should be also be asked to suggest what modifications are necessary, to the Draft Scheme, as the Bombay Stat[illegible] at present —

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(iii) The file may perhaps be sent unofficially to the M.C. for offering his opinion & suggesting the modifications necessary in the light of the Hon'ble Member's orders in para 2 supra.

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26/10/32

For Secy)

(1st Nov)

A — If approved this will be done.

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Minister
4/11/32

5/11/32

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7) Forwarded unofficially with compliments to the Muzzaffar Commissioner for favour of furnishing in form asked required in para 73 supra.

By order

8/11/32

For Secretary
as Financial Secy

8/11/32

GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT No. 11-3 8 NOV. 1932 MUZRAI.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS 638 25.26 9. NOV. 1932

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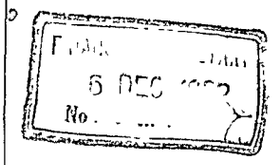

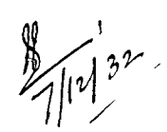

Returned with compliments.

As stated in Mr. Rajagopalachari's letter G.O.666 & 25-26 dated 5-10-32 to Government, he was interviewed by Mr. [illegible] Mudaliar, one of the Commissioners of the Board, at Mysore on 11-10-32 when the letter of of the Board dated 16-9-32 now received through the Residency is understood to have been fully discussed in the light of the observations contained in Financial Secretary's letter dated 16-7-32 and other available data. As it was not considered possible either to remove the Hereditary Trustee or to exempt the temples from the operation of the Endowments Act, the only other alternative of modifying the draft scheme seems to have been considered. The Commissioner of the Board is said to have agreed to the embodiment in the draft scheme of the modifications made in this office letter of the 17th May 1932 which are to the following effect;-

(i) That there should be only one Superintendent appointed by the Mysore Government who should manage all the charities under the direction of the Trustees, the removal of the Superintendent for good and sufficient cause being always made in consultation with the Mysore Government,

(ii) That Clause iii of para 2 of the Board's letter dated 16-9-32 by which the Hereditary Trustee is empowered to manage the temple should be deleted. (Our case is stronger now as it is made out from the Board's letter dated 16-9-32 that there are no other permanent endowments to the temples in question except the two Inam

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inam villages granted by the Government of Mysore.

(iii) that Rule (7) of the draft be amended gives power to the trustees and the Commissioners of the Board to inspect the accounts of receipts and expenditure of the inam villages maintained by the Mysore Government should be deleted; and

(iv) that a general clause should also be embodied in the scheme that in all important matters pertaining to charities the Government of Mysore shall be consulted.

As stated in my letter of the 19th April 1932 the Board may obtain from the Superintendent all information that may be required by them from time to time.

2. Another point requires consideration. It is stated in Rule 3 that "all the properties moveable and immoveable which have been or may hereafter be dedicated to the deity do and shall vest in the deity known as Sri Bangaru Ghat". What meaning the Board attaches to the word 'vest' is not known. It seems to me that it is necessary to make it clear that the proprietory right over the endowed inam villages always vests with the Government of Mysore and that their discretion to resume the inam villages for mismanagement or other reasonable cause necessitating such action should remain unchallenged.

3. Subject to the above noted alterations, the draft scheme proposed by the Board may be accepted.

Mazrai Commissioner. 6/6/32

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6) Re. management of Sri Ranganathaswami temple & the connected charities in the island of Siva Samudram.

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Reference vide Mag. q. copy of letter dt 1/10/32 from the Madras Govt received with the P.A. dt 4/7/32 is made in the reference to the minutes of the Prime Minister of Council in paras 44 & 50 supra. It is a matter for consideration whether the modifications suggested by the M.C. in his R.O. noted in paras 78 & 84 supra with reference to the Members rules ~~be treat~~ ~~in the cases~~ in para 50 supra.

For orders.

No 8370 / 626-1931 dt 12/12/32 from the Secretary Hon'ble the Rajah in Mysore which a copy of the proceedings subject to the Government of India.

It is for orders whether the views of the M.C. overleaf may be accepted and a draft to the Residency put up incorporating therein the second suggestion of the M.C.

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2nd Mr)

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Minute of the Second Member of Council
No. 2.0.4.

The main object of our letter of 18th July 1932 was to obtain, if possible, the elimination of the hereditary trustee and the exemption of the temple from the operation of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act. Both these are reported to be not possible. As regards the latter it is pointed out that it will result in leaving the Jaghirdar uncontrolled without vesting any authority in the Mysore Government.

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The Dewan has stated in paragraph 50 that if the above two objects cannot be attained we must get the scheme modified in such a way as to make the Jaghirdar only a nominal trustee. The suggestions made unofficially by the Muzrai Commissioner will have the effect of leaving the administration of the temple practically with the Mysore Government. The income of the villages will be managed and remain with the representat. of Mysore Government. The Superintendent would be our nominee and his removal should be done after consultation with us.

These suggestions except the last referred to in paragraph 84 (paragraph 2 of the Muzarai Commissioner's Note) were discussed by me as Muzrai Commissioner with the Madras Commissioner who was inclined to agree with them. I think therefore that these modifications may be put forward for acceptance by the Board.

Please submit to the Dewan also.

Dewan) KP 26/12 25/12

I agree. We may submit the Case to HH and report the Scheme of Management proposed to be adopted. A copy of the Scheme suggested by the Board with the conditions and alterations to be made in it may be sent in reply to the Pleny letter of 21-10-32

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D.F.N. Rules together with a modified Scheme.

7.5.1931 Paras 19

Put up typed copies as revised — let me also have a copy of the draft Scheme sent by the Bd.

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Typed copies as directed above submitted —

C.S. 22/1

Draft D.F.N. with draft Scheme submitted for approval. As regards the draft Scheme perhaps the Law Secy may be consulted.

23/1/33

Fin. Secy. 18.1.33

26/1/33

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Submitted to His Highness.

With the gracious approval of His Highness, the Inam villages of Kaglipur and Purigal endowed to Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities at Sivasamudram, were taken over under Government management, owing to continued mismanagement by the Jahgirdar, and the Government of Madras in whose jurisdiction the institutions are situated, was addressed to permit us to manage them. In reply, a draft scheme, formulated by the Hindu Religious Endowment Board of Madras, was sent to us for opinion:-

The main terms of this scheme were:-

(1) The institutions to be managed by the Jahgirdar, and another trustee to be appointed by us;

(2) The Board to appoint, in consultation with us, a Superintendent for administering the institutions and he to be liable to be removed by the Board;

(3) The management of the Inam villages to be vested in the Mysore Government but the accounts relating thereto to be open for inspection by the Board; and

(4) All cases of difference of opinion between the Jahgirdar and the Mysore Government trustee to be settled by the Board whose decision would be final.

99 As, under this scheme, we would have no effective control in the management of the temples, and as the active association of the Jahgirdar with the management would also continue, the Government of Madras was informed that the scheme was not acceptable to us. They then sent a revised scheme, the main features of which are the following:-

(1) The power of appointing a Superintendent to vest in us, but he to supervise only the Sevas and services, the cost of which ~~are~~ is to be met from our endowment;

(2) Periodical returns to be submitted ~~to~~ to the Board; and

(3) The hereditary trustee to manage the temples, utilising any other income, without interfering with the work allotted to the Superintendent.

100 Although the revised proposals were an improvement on the original scheme, yet the position from our point of view

was not satisfactory. It was, therefore, proposed to suggest some more modifications and the Muzrai Commissioner was instructed to discuss the matter with one of the Commissioners of the Board, who had been deputed to meet him for this purpose.

101. The Muzrai Commissioner Mr. S.P. Rajagopalachari, discussed the question with the Madras Commissioner and has reported that the Board are likely to agree to modifications which will give real powers of control to the Mysore Government and which will make the association of the Jahgirdar who, it is stated, must be continued as a hereditary trustee, practically nominal. It is proposed to suggest a revised scheme, the main features of which are the following:-

Para 16-17 & Notes.

(1) The Superintendent should be appointed by the Mysore Government and he should manage all the charities under the direction of the two trustees namely - an officer appointed by the Mysore Government and the hereditary trustee, the Jahgirdar. The power to remove him is reserved to the Mysore Government, to be however exercised in consultation with the Board.

(2) The condition originally proposed according to which the hereditary trustee was to manage the temple, will be deleted.

(3) The original condition according to which the Commissioners of the Board were to inspect the accounts of the two Inam villages managed by the Government of Mysore will be deleted.

(4) A general clause will be embodied in the scheme to the effect that in all important matters pertaining to the Charities, the Government of Mysore should be consulted.

(5) It will be provided that the settlement of any difference between the Mysore Government trustee and the hereditary trustee will be made by the Board only in consultation with the Mysore Government,

and (6) The investment of the funds of the temple will be in the manner to be decided by the Mysore Government.

102. I beg to solicit the gracious sanction of His Highness to the Scheme as revised, being forwarded to the Government of Madras.

M. Venkatarama Rao

Bangalore,
2nd February 1933.

Dewan in charge.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

No 403
2.2.33

Subject.

Scheme of administration for Sri Ranganathaswami Devasthanam at Sivasamudram and its endowments.

Order.

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5th Feb 33

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Scheme of Administration for Sri Ramanathaswami Devasthanam at Sivasamudram and its endowments

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31 All urgent or confidential file returned with His Highness' orders may in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members

34 In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders

Circulated to Members of Council for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders (*Vide Rules* 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure)

N. Madhava Rao
Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the H Secretary to Government,
Mysore Department.

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 7/2/33

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 8/2/33

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with Compliments.

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Draft approved by the Board

For perusal before issue

10/2/33

For Secy)

OFFICE OF THE ... 1933 No. 5106

Draft approved by Minister

24 No PDI 772 of 11.2.33 to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore Bangalore forwarding a revised draft scheme for the management of Sri Ranganatha Swami temple at Sivasamudram and its endowments—

Memo No 4984 of 6/7/33 from the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore Bangalore forwarding copy of the orders of the Board as communicated for Hindu Religious Endowments.

Memorandum No 1040 C of 23.5.1933 setting a scheme of administration for the temples received to Government and their endowments.

III—For order if necessary

B. Hms 16.2.33

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The order passed by the Bd of Commissioners be accepted & copy of the same together with copy of enclosures to P. & D be sent to M.C for taking immediate necessary action in the matter.

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12 JUL 1933

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The Board of Commissioners for Hindu Religious Endowments have accepted in toto the revised draft scheme sent in the letter dt 11-2-33.

Recd
11/7/33

H Secy) ~~may be sent to M.C for publication~~ 11/7/33

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A detailed ~~Exam~~ comparison of the scheme we suggested with that sanctioned by the Bd may be made and differences if any however minor may be noted

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15. The scheme suggested & the scheme sanct. by the Board have been compared & the differences noticed are noted below: —

(para 1) Blanks in para 1 have been filled up (in sanct. scheme) as taking effect from 1st June 1933.

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Para 2. — ~~For~~ "As amended by Madras Act IV of 1930" in line 4 of the draft — has been altered to "(Madras Act II of 1927) as amended from time ~~to~~ time" in line 3 of the Sanctd Scheme

Para 5. — For the last word in this para of draft viz "Trustees" "Trustee" has been used in Sanctd. Sche

Para 7-(b) — In place of "or" in the last line of draft, 'of' has been used in the Sanctd. Scheme.

Para 10. — 'Shall' occurring after 'fasli' in line 6 of the draft, has been omitted in the Sanctd. Scheme.

Para 16. — Pertaining to the charities' occurring in lines 1 & 2 of the draft — have been changed to "Pertaining to the Devasthanam and the Connected charities" in the Sanctd Scheme.

119) May be communicated to MC for further action
Madras 20/7/33

116 Submitted with reference to the minutes in para 114 supra
Recd 19/7/33 (Jt Secy)

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19/7/33

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No. 122 of 2-8-33 to the Commissioner forwarding for further action Copy of the order of the Board of Commissioners for Hindu Religious Endowments Madras on the subject referred to therein

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 7496 Encl. 1
626-1931.

Meas. 81-31-4

FROM
Captain G. Kirkbride,
SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To
The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Financial Department.

GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT
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17. OCT. 1931
MUZRAI.

Dated Bangalore, 16th Oct. 1931

Subject.

Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and connected charities in the island of Sivasamudram.

~~SIR,~~

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Pol.1218/Muz.177-25, dated the 13th June, 1931, on the above subject, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the draft scheme proposed to be settled for the administration of the temples in questions and their endowments by the Board of Commissioners for Hindu Religious Endowments in the Madras Presidency, and to request that the views of the Government of Mysore regarding the proposed scheme may be communicated at an early date for transmission to the Madras Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Office of the Board of Commissioners for Hindu
Religious Endowments, Royapettah P.O.,
Madras.

In the matter of the settlement of a scheme of administration for Sri Ranganathaswami Devasthanam at Sivasamudram and its endowments.

DRAFT SCHEME.

1. This scheme shall come into operation on the day of 1931, which date is hereinafter referred to as the date hereof.

2. In this scheme, if not inconsistent with the context, the word "Act" means the "Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926" as amended by Madras Act IV of 1930 and all other words and expressio used herein shall have the respective meanings assigned to them by the Act.

3. The temple of Sri Ranganathaswami in the island of Sivasamudra Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore District, and all other minor temples and shrines attached thereto and constituting Sri Ranganathaswami Devasth nam, Sivasamudram and all the properties, movable and immovable which have been, or may hereafter be dedicated to the deity, do and shall vest in the deity known as Sri Ranganathaswami.

4. The above mentioned Devasthanam and its properties shall be administered and managed by the hereditary trustee of the Devasthanam (Mr.T.R.Anantharaya Mudaliar and his successors from time to time) and another trustee ~~who shall be the~~ Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, ~~or any other officer or person,~~ nominated by the Mysore Government in this behalf.

5. The Board shall in consultation with the Mysore Government appoint from among the Hindus entitled to worship in the temples a Superintendent on a monthly salary not exceeding Rs.75/- to be paid out of the Devasthanam funds. He shall be liable to be removed by the Board for good and sufficient cause, but he shall be subject to the control and supervision of, and act in all matters under the directions of, the Trustees.

6. The Superintendent shall before taking charge of his office or within such time as may be fixed by the Board, give security to the satisfaction of the Board in the amount of Rs.1,000/-

7. The duties of the Superintendent shall be as follows:-

(a) He shall be the chief ministerial officer in charge of the office of the Devasthanam and shall have immediate control over the archakas, paricharakas and other servants of the temples subject however to the control of the Trustees;

(b) He shall maintain regular accounts in accordance with the directions that may be issued by the Trustees or the Board;

(c) He shall be in charge of all the stores of the Devasthanam including grains and issue them as and when required for the purpose pooja and festivals and see to the proper application of the same;

(d) He shall attend to the due performance in proper manner and proper time of the daily pooja and worship and all the periodical festivals of the Devasthanam;

(e) He shall have the custody of all the records and other valuable documents relating to the Devasthanam;

(f) He shall besides the foregoing, perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board in consultation with the Trustees.

8. (a) The management of the Inam villages of Purigal and Kaglipur in the Malvalli Taluk, Mysore District, ~~belonging~~ to the Devasthanam sha vest in the Muzrai Department of the Mysore Government ~~for such time as may be considered necessary~~ by the Mysore Government.

(b) ~~During such period,~~ separate accounts of receipts and expenditure shall be maintained by that Department, which shall be open to inspection by any of the trustees and the Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.

(c) The income of the Devasthanam from the said villages together with the accumulated income belonging to the Devasthanam now remaining in the hands of the Mysore Government shall ~~be paid by the Mysore Government to the non-hereditary~~ trustee nominated by the ~~Mysore Government under clause 4 of the scheme.~~ He ~~shall forthwith~~ deposit the sam in such ~~Bank or~~ Banks as may be approved by the Mysore Government and ~~utilise the~~ same for the ~~purposes~~ of the Devasthanam ~~in accordance with the dittam of expenditure and the budget.~~

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9. The Superintendent shall within one month from the date of his assuming charge, prepare a dittam or scale of expenditure in respect of each of the temples and submit the same to the trustees for approval. A copy of the dittam as approved shall be sent to the Board.

10. The Superintendent shall prepare three months before the commencement of every fasli a budget of estimated income and expenditure of that fasli and submit the same for approval to the trustees, provided that the budget for the current fasli shall be prepared and sent by the Superintendent within 15 days from the fixing of the dittam. A copy of the budget as approved shall be sent to the Board.

11. The Superintendent shall prepare a half-yearly statement of actual receipts and expenditure, both normal and extraordinary, including all loans received or advanced, and publish the same in some conspicuous part of the Devasthanam for the information of the worshippers. A copy of the same shall be forwarded to the Board.

12. (a) The trustees shall forthwith take an inventory of all the jewels and other valuables belonging to the Devasthanam.

(b) The Jewels and other valuables shall be kept in a strong room in the Devasthanam secured by two locks, the key of one of which shall be with the Superintendent and the other with the Hereditary Trustee.

13. The accounts of the devasthanam shall be audited once a year, or at such intervals as may be decided by the Board by an auditor appointed by the Board, whose remuneration shall be paid from out of the funds of the Devasthanam.

14. If there is any difference of opinion on any matter concerning the administration of the temple between the hereditary trustee and the Associated trustee such matter shall be referred to the Board ~~and the decision of the Board shall be final.~~

15. Save in so far as expressly provided herein, the provisions of the Act, the rules and by-laws framed thereunder shall apply to the Devasthanam.

~~16.~~ 17. When any doubt or dispute arises in construing any of the provisions of this scheme such doubt or dispute shall be solved or settled

settled by the Board ~~whose decision shall be final.~~

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SUPERINTENDENT, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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SUBJECT .....

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File No. 81-31

Serial No. 5

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No 596 Sec. 3

To

The M. C.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the 193 .

Sir,

With ref.ce to your U.O. No. 638/25-26 dt. 30/5/31, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the draft scheme for the administration of the Sri Ranganathaswami ~~Temple~~ temple ~~& connected charities~~ in the Island of Srivasanamdam and its endowments and to request you to be so good as to favour me with your considered views on the matter before the 15th ~~inst.~~ of November 1931.

A Copy of letter No. 3/5246/168-1931 from the Resident dt. 15/5/31 together with Cabinet note & its enclosures and

Date of issue 27/10/31.

Signed by Mr V. S. Sastri

Asst Secy

List of enclosures .....

Copied by .....

Examined by .....

WD 71—GPBM—40,000—20-7-31.

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26.10.31

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enclosures ~~[illegible]~~ is sent for reference.

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Muz. 81-31-6

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No. 638/25-26

No. 595
7.12.31

OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Dated, Bangalore, [illegible] 5 ... 193 1.

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FROM

S. HIRIANNAIYA, ESQ., M.A., B.L.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore

To

Rajaseva Saktha
T. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.
Finance Department.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.596/ Muz.81-31-6 dated 27th October 1931 forwarding for an expression of my views the draft scheme prepared by the Madras Hindu Religious Endowment Board for the administration of the Sri Ranganathaswamy temple in the island of Sivasamudram and its endowments, I have the honor to state that the scheme formulated by the Board is altogether unacceptable. Under it the Government of Mysore will have no effective control in the management of the temple and the associated charities because the effective control is retained by the Board in as much as (i) they retain the power of appointment and removal of the superintendent and (ii) even in the daily administration, the Mysore Government are only "associated" through their representative with the hereditary Trustee the Jahgirdar. The Mysore Government representative can get nothing done by himself and his powers are more nominal than real. Under Clause 14 of the Scheme, in case of difference of opinion on any matter concerning the administration of the temple between the hereditary trustee and the associated trustee, the Board retains the power of final decision.

2. Further the scheme renders the position of the Mysore Government worse than at present because under Clause 8 of the scheme our management of our own Inam villages situated in our State is to be subject to inspection by the hereditary Trustee and

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Draft. 81-31-7

To 24-12-31

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:- Management of Sri Ranganatha Swami and other temples and connected Charities in the island of Sivasamudram.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.7496/626-1931 dated 16th October 1931 on the above subject, I am directed to state that for reasons already explained in my letter No. Pol. 1020 dated 6th April 1929, the proposal of the Mysore Government was that they should be permitted to arrange for the proper maintenance of the temples and the connected charities at Sivasamudram as grantors of the endowment which forms the main resource for their maintenance and for that purpose they asked that they might be given an effective control over their management. But it is observed that under the Draft Scheme formulated by the Madras Hindu Religious Endowment Board, the power of appointment and removal of the Superintendent is retained by the Board, that even in daily administration, the Mysore Government are only to be "associated", through their representative, with the hereditary trustee, the Jahgirdar, and that the Mysore representative can get nothing done by himself and his powers are more nominal than real, as in the case of difference of opinion on any matter concerning the administration of the temple between the hereditary trustee and the associated trustee, the Board retains the

the power of final decision. Besides, the Government management of the Inam villages is also to be subject to inspection by the hereditary trustee and the Commissioner of the Endowment Board.

In the circumstances, I am to state that this Government are unable to agree to the Draft Scheme proposed by the Board.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Financial Secretary to Government.

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SUBJECT .....

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File No. 81-31

Serial No. 9

Diary No. of letter replied to 5795

No 1470/Mem. dt 13.4.32/Encl

To

The M.C

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *193* .

Date of issue 13.4.32

Signed by M. N. Deva Rao

Subject:— Management of Sri Ramanamakkoil and other temples & connected charities at Sivasamudram

Sir,

With reference my Letter No 638/25-26 dt 5/12/31 furnishing your views on the draft scheme of the Madras H. R. E. Bd on the above subject. I am directed to forward herewith copy of letter No 2512-E/32-1 dt 10/2/32 from Pd. H. R. E. Bd Madras in the matter

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request you to be so good
as to ~~state~~ indicate the lines on which
the Sfs scheme ~~requires modification~~ can be modified.
The matter may thus be treated as urgent.
Thank you etc

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No. C. 638/25-26

REV. SECRETARIAT
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20 MAY 1932
MUZRAI

OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE

Dated, Bangalore, 19th 193

FROM

S. HIRIANNAIYA, ESQ, MA, BL.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore

To

Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore
Department.

SIR,

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,
Bangalore,

No. 4178 Ec 1
626/1931.

Dated the 24 June, 1932.

D. No 1517/23-1-32

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, with enclosure is forwarded with compliments, to the Financial Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, in continuation of this office No.4098, dated the 21st June, 1932, with the request that the views of the Government of Mysore may, if possible, be furnished for transmission to the Government of Madras - before the 27th June, 1932.

No.21170-1 (E.2)-L.& M.
dated the 16th June, 1932,
from the Assistant Secretary
to the Government of Madras,
Local Self-Government Department.

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for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

24/6/32

Copy to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local Self-Government Department, with reference to his letter No.21170-1(E.2)-L.& M. dated the 16th June, 1932.

Please ~~[illegible]~~ say that regrets that it is regretted that ~~[illegible]~~ a reply can not be sent before the 27th and that the views of this Govt will be communicated early -

MVS.

25 JUN. 1932

Letter No.21170-1(E.2)-L.& M., dated the 16th June, 1932, from the Assistant Secretary to Government of Madras, Local Self-Government Department, Stonehouse Hill, Ootacamund, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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Subject.

Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities in the Island of Sivasamudram.

In continuation of this Department's letter No.9836-2(E.2)-L & M., dated 9th June 1932, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the letter from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board No.13266 E/32-1, dated 7th June, 1932, on the above subject and to request that the views of the Mysore Government called for in this Department's letter No.5649-1 (E.2) L & M., dated 23rd February, 1932, may be obtained and communicated to this Government before the 27th June, 1932, if possible.

(ENCLOSURE)

Letter No.13266 E/32-1, dated 7th June 1932, from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras, to the Secretary to Government of Madras, Local Self-Government Department, Madras.

Subject:- Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities in the Island of Sivasamudram.

In continuation of my letter No.2512 E/32-1, dated 10th February 1932, I have the honour to state that the further enquiry regarding the settlement of a scheme of administration of the above temples stands adjourned to 27th June 1932, and to request that the views of the Mysore Government on the subject may be obtained and communicated to the Board, so that the enquiry may be proceeded with on the adjourned date.

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SUPERINTENDENT, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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File No.

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No Pol. 1321

To

The Sec. to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore — Bangalore

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the 193 .

Subject:— ~~Relaxation for the~~ Management of the Sri Ranganatha Swamy & other temples & the Connected Charities in the Island of Siva

Date of issue 25th June 32

Signed by Mr. B. Srinivasaiya

Sir,

With reference to your ~~letter~~ memo No. 4178/6 26, 1931 of 24. 6. 32 on the above subject, I am directed to state that it is regretted that a reply cannot be sent before the 27th inst. but that the views of this Government will be communicated early thereafter etc

List of enclosures ..... respectfully that the views of this Govt may if possible be furnished for transmission to the Govt of Madras before the 27th inst.

Copied by .....

Examined by .....

WD 71—GPBM—40,000—20-7-31.

G.O. 25761

25/6/32

Welcome

To

Pol. 62 dt 18-7-32.

The Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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Subject :- Management of the Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and connected charities in the island of Sivasamudram.

S i r,

Adverting to correspondence ending with your letter No.2453/626 of 1931 dated 7th April 1932, on the above subject, I am directed to state that this Government will be obliged if information on certain matters bearing on the question of future management of the institution can be kindly furnished to enable them to express their views regarding the lines on which the draft scheme of management suggested by the Board of commissioners for Hindu Religious Endowments may be modified.

It is not known what sources of income other than the revenues from the two villages endowed by this Government this institution has, and what amounts it received annually from them. It is believed that the bulk of its income is derived from these villages and that its receipts from other sources are insignificant. This information is necessary to see the relative importance of the different interests involved and also to settle what Sevas ~~service~~ and services should be arranged

arranged for from the endowment of this Government for the efficient maintenance of the institution.

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In his letter dated 10-2-1932, the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras, states that "the Board cannot, in settling a scheme, remove the hereditary -- Trustee".

The Jahgirdar has repeatedly been found to have grossly mismanaged the affairs of the institution and to have misused its funds. He has several times contended that the endowed villages formed his personal Inam and were not meant for the benefit of the Institution. In his latest representation on the subject dated 15-4-1929, he has stated that he is "the proprietor of the temple and its properties". His claim that "he is entitled to the Villages as his absolute property" has been proved to be clearly untenable from the terms of the Sannad making the endowment and of the Inam Settlement relating to the Institution. His contention that he is the proprietor of a public religious Institution is also quite untenable. It is not ~~also~~ known if his family has made any endowments from its own properties for the maintenance of the Institution. The justification for the recognition of a hereditary Trustee in the case of a public religious Institution is, apparently based on the ground that any alienation of his sympathies would affect prejudicially its pecuniary interests by depriving it of any benefit it might receive at his hands. As stated above, this Jahgirdar considers that the endowment of the temple is his own personal

personal property, and his ~~attitude~~ attitude towards it is therefore very far ~~for~~ from that of a trustee. The general judicial opinion also appears to be, ~~the~~ that claims to succeed by hereditary -- right to a Trustee's Office or a religious Office should be looked upon with strong disfavour. In view of these --- facts it is not clear why it is considered necessary to recognise the Jahgirdar as the hereditary Trustee of this institution.

Section 3 of the Hindu Religious Endowment Act gives to the Government of Madras the power to exempt any endowment from the operation of all or any of the provisions of the Act. The Government of Madras may be requested to kindly con -sider whether in the circumstances of this institution it may not be exempted under the said provision.

If this Government are entrusted with the full management of the Institution, they will be glad to furnish for the information of the Board, its annual budgets and accounts. The inspections, on behalf of the Board, of the temple and connected charities at Sivasamudram ~~may~~ might also be made in the usual course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
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Financial Secry to Govt

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File No. 81.31.

Serial No. 22

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No. 261/Mey

To Tahsildar.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 9. 8. 32

Signed by Dr. B. Mudaliar Swamy

List of enclosures .....

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Examined by .....

Re M.C.

Revenue for the

Subject: Alienation agreement of Sri Ramanathaswamy & other temples and the Connected Charities in the Island of Sivaganga —

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 638/25-26 dt 25/7/32 on the above subject, I am directed to forward for information herewith copy of letter No Pd 62/Mey 81-31 dt 18.7.32 addressed to the Residency Office Madras —

Thanks etc

For Sec to Govt

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6 No. 638
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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, 8th October 1932

FROM

S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

No. 22412

To

S. Sharma, Esqr., I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Finance *Department.*

GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT
425
12 OCT. 1932
MUZRAI.

Subject:- Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples in Sivasamudram Island, Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore District.

SIR,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.261/Fus.81-31-dated 9th August 1932, I have the honour to refer and herewith for favour of information copies of letter No.23819 A/32-2 dated 28th September 1932 from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras and my reply thereto dated 3rd October 1932. A further report will be made after my discussion with Mr. Sambasiva Padaliar.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Muzrai Commissioner.
(Absence from H.Q. 2550)

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Letter No.638/25-26 dated 3-10-32 from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore to the President Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras

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With reference to your letter No.2389/E/32-33 dated 28th Sept 1932 re the draft scheme for the management of the Sri Rangan thaswami and other temples at Sivasamudram, I have the honor to state that the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly will be opened on the 10th October 1932 and it may not be quite convenient to me to meet Mr. Sambandan Mudaliar and discuss the matter with him on that date Either the 11th or 12th October 1932 would be suitable. I shall be glad to meet ~~xxx~~ Mr. Sambandan Mudaliar on one of these days at Mysore.

"C o p y"

For Muzrai Commissioner.

Letter No.23819/E/32-2 dated 28th Sept. 1932 from R.Surya Rao, Esq. President Hindu Religious Endowments Board Madras to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

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Subject:- In the matter of the management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples in Sivasamudram Islands, Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore District.

I have the honor to inform you that the enquiry in regard to the settlement of a scheme for the administration of the above temples --- stands adjourned to 20-10-1932. In this connection Mr.R.Ry.M.Sambanda Mudaliar Avl. B.A.B.L., the Divisional Commissioner would like to confer with you in regard to the lines on which the draft scheme of administration prepared by the Board may have to be modified in order to satisfy the wishes of the Mysore Government as far as possible, and he proposes to meet you on the 10th October 1932, at Mysore. It is trusted that the date will suit you for the proposed personal interview.

"C o p y"

For Muzrai Commissioner.

All Communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 7109 Enc 2 (54) Pol 53

626-1931.

25 OCT 1932 No. 2492.

GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT. 479. 5 OCT. 1932 MUZRAI

FROM

Captain G. Kirkbride, I.A.,
SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Mez 81-31-23.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Financial Department.

Dated, Bangalore, the 21 October, 1932

Subject.

Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities in the island of Sivasamudram.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Pol.62/Muz.81-31-11, dated the 18th July, 1932, and to forward copy of letter No.41964-1/E -2/L.& M., dated the 1st October, 1932, with enclosure, from the Government of Madras on the above subject. The views of the Government of Mysore as to the lines on which they desire the draft scheme to be modified may kindly be furnished for transmission to the Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Captain,
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

MVS.

Letter No.41964-1/E-2/L.& M., dated the 1st October, 1932, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local Self Government Department, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities in the Island of Sivasamudram.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.4999/626-1931 dated the 27th July, 1932, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter received from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras and to request that the suggestion of the Mysore Government in regard to the lines on which they desire the draft scheme of administration of the endowments in question prepared by that Board to be modified, may be obtained and communicated to this Government.

2. As regards the question of exemption of the temples in question from the operation of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act I am directed to state that this Government agree with the view expressed by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in paragraph 3 of the President's letter.

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Letter from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras, No.23819 E/32-1 dated 18-9-32.

Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples, Sivasamudram, Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore District - Management.

With reference to Government memorandum No.29432-1/E.2/L & M, dated 3rd August, 1932, referring to the Board for remarks, a copy of the letter from the Mysore Government on the above subject I have the honour to state that from the enquiries made by the Board, it is understood that there are no permanent endowments to the temples in question except the two inam villages of Purigal and Kaglipur in Malvalli taluk, Mysore district, granted by the Government of Mysore for the maintenance of the said temples and

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the charities connected therewith. Since May 1929, when the Mysore Government have taken over the management of the said villages, the trustees of the temples, the Jagirdar of Sivasamudram is reported to have been meeting the expenses of daily pooja and festivals in the temples aggregating to about Rs.1,700/- annually from out of his private funds. It has also been represented to the Board by the Jagirdar that as the income from the said villages is with-held by the Mysore Government and in consequence not made available for the purpose of the temples, the daily pooja, festivals, etc., are being conducted on a very small scale.

2. In regard to the trusteeship of the temples it may be stated that on receipt of a notice of the enquiry started by the Board with a view to the settlement of a scheme for the better administration of the temples, the Jagirdar filed a statement contending that the temples are private temples not coming within the scope of the Act. The Board thereupon held an enquiry under Section 84 of the Act with a view to determine the nature of the temples, whether public or private and if former, whether excepted or non-excepted, as the decision of such questions was necessary before further proceedings could be taken for the settlement of a scheme. The Board after holding due enquiries decided in its order No.96 dated 30-1-31, that the temples are Excepted temples as defined in Section 9 clause (5) of Madras Act II of 1927, and that the trusteeship has been hereditary in the family of the present trustee for a long time past. Even if so minded, the Board cannot now reopen the question whether the trusteeship is hereditary or not, as it has been held by the High Court of Judicature at Madras that the Board cannot review its final order under Section 84(1) of the Act, and that the remedy for any one affected by the decision is to file an application to the Court under sub-section (2) of the said Section, within one year from the date of the order. As already intimated in my letter No.2512 E/32-1, dated 10th February 1932 the Board cannot in settling a scheme remove the trustee of an

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Excepted temple. The Board is aware of the general judicial opinion that claims to succeed by hereditary right to trustee's office should be looked upon with strong disfavour. At the enquiry held by the Board there was no dispute as to the hereditary right to the trusteeship vested in the family or as to the right of the present Jagirdar to the trusteeship. On the other hand, as the materials placed before the Board disclosed that the trusteeship of the temples has been hereditary in the family of the present Jagirdar Mr. Anandaroya Mudaliyar, the Board had to recognise him as the hereditary trustee thereof.

3. In regard to the exemption of the temples under question from the operation of the Act by the Government under Section 3 of the Act, the Board would reiterate its opinion that it would be highly inexpedient to grant exemption to the temples as it would be detrimental to their interests, and as it would not affect the hereditary right of the Jagirdar to manage them. On the other hand such exemption far from improving the administration of the temples would only leave the Jagirdar free to mismanage without vesting any power in the Mysore Government. The Board regrets that it will not be possible to entrust the Mysore Government with full management of the temples as the hereditary trustee cannot be removed by the Board in settling a scheme as already stated, and as there is no provision in the Act enabling the Board to hand over the management of the temples to the Mysore Government.

4. In these circumstances, I have the honour to request that the Government may be pleased to communicate the above views of the Board to the Mysore Government and obtain their suggestions in regard to the lines on which the draft scheme of administration prepared by the Board may have to be modified in order to satisfy the wishes of the Mysore Government.

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SUPERINTENDENT, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

MVS

All Communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 8370

626-1931.

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FROM

Captain G. Kirkbride, I.A.,

SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

Financial Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT
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No.

Dated, Bangalore, the 12th Decr., *1932*.

Subject.

Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities in the Island of Sivasamudram.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to my letter No.7109, dated the 21st October 1932, on the above subject, and, at the instance of the Government of Madras, to enquire when a reply may be expected.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

MVS

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 543 ENCLOS.
626-1931.

Dated Bangalore, 21 Jany. 1933.

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FROM

Captain G. Kirkbride, I.A.,
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Financial Department.

Subject :—
Management of Sri Ranganathaswamy and other temples and the connected charities in the Island of Sivasamudram.

SIR,

Reminded.

I am directed to refer to my letter No. 8370, dated the 12th December 1932, on the above subject, and to request that the reply may kindly be expedited.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

MVS

G. R. S. III—3]

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ROUTINE NOTES.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record]

(1) The concerned file has been sent with a D. F. N. As it takes sometime to give a final reply in the matter to the Residency, Dr. Qamar as interim reply to portals for

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OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
26 JAN. 1933
No. 4794

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28 JAN. 1933
No. 4845

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G. R. S. III—3]

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Inc 81-31-24

10th February 32.

S. Shamanna, Esq., B.A.,

Subject.- Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and connected charities in the island of Sivasamudram.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 7109-626 of 1931 dated 21st October 1932 on the above subject, I am directed to forward herewith a revised draft scheme in respect of the administration of the above temples, embodying the views of this Government and to request that the Hon'ble the Resident may kindly be moved to forward the same to the Government of Madras.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Financial Secretary to Government.

C.R.G.2.

Appendix F G—17

SUBJECT .....

Section Misc 3

File No. F 1-31

Serial No. 24.

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No. Pol 772 Enc. one revised draft scheme.

To The Secy. to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 11-2-33

Signed by Mr. S. S.

Subject.— Management of Sri Ranganathaswamy & other temples and connected charities in the island of Srirangam

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 7109-6261931 dt. 28-10-1932 on the above subject, I am directed to forward herewith a revised draft scheme in respect of the administration of the above temples, embodying the views of the Govt. and to request that the Hon'ble the Resident may kindly be moved to forward the same to the Govt. of India.

List of enclosures .....

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Examined by 6/2/33

Secy. to Govt. F. & P.

10/2/33

WD 71—GBPM—40,000—20-7-31.

Recd 10/2/33

In the matter of the settlement of a scheme of administration for Sri Ranganathaswami Devasthanam at Sivasamudram and its endowments.

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/ REVISED DRAFT SCHEME./

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This scheme shall come into operation on the day of 193 , which date is hereinafter referred to as the date hereof.

2. In this scheme, if not inconsistent with the context, the word "Act" means the "Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926" as amended by Madras Act IV of 1930 and all other words and expressions used herein shall have the respective meanings assigned to them by the Act.

3. The temple of Sri Ranganathaswami in the island of Sivasamudram, Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore District, and all other minor temples and shrines attached thereto and constituting Sri Ranganathaswami Devasthanam, Sivasamudram, and all the properties, moveable and immovable which have been, or may hereafter be dedicated to the deity, do and shall vest in the deity known as Sri Ranganathaswami.

4. The above named Devasthanam and its properties, excluding the Inam villages of Purigal and Kaglipur in the Mysore State, shall be administered and managed by the hereditary trustee of the Devasthanam (Mr. T. Anantharaya Mudaliar and his successors from time to time), and another trustee nominated by the Mysore Government in this behalf.

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5. The Government of Mysore will appoint, from among the Hindus entitled to worship in the temple, a Superintendent on a monthly salary not exceeding Rs 75 to be paid out of the Devasthanam funds, and will remove him, when found necessary to do so, in consultation with the Board. The Superintendent shall be subject to the control and supervision, and act in all matters under the directions, of the trustees.

6. The Superintendent shall before taking charge of his office or within such time as may be fixed by the Board, give security to the satisfaction of the Board in the amount of Rs 1,000.

7. The duties of the Superintendent shall be as follows:-

(a) He shall be the chief ministerial officer in charge of the office of the Devasthanam and shall have immediate control over the archaks, paricharakas and other servants of the temples, subject however to the control of the trustees;

(b) He shall maintain regular accounts in accordance with the directions that may be issued by the trustees or the Board;

(c) He shall be in charge of all the stores of the Devasthanam including grains and issue them as and when required for the purpose of pooja and festivals and see to the proper application of the same;

(d) He shall attend to the due performance in proper manner and in proper time of the daily pooja and worship and all the periodical festivals of the Devasthanam;

(e) He shall have the custody of all the records and other valuable documents relating to the Devasthanam;

(f) He shall besides the foregoing, perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board in consultation with the trustees.

8. (a) The management of the Inam villages of Purigal and Kaglipur in the Malvalli Taluk, Mysore District, endowed by the Government of Mysore to the Devasthanam, will continue to vest in the Muzrai Department of that Government.

(b) The income of the Devasthanam from the said villages together with the accumulated income belonging to the Devasthanam now remaining in the hands of the Mysore Government shall be deposited or invested in such form as may be approved by the Mysore Government.

9. The Superintendent shall, within one month from the date of his assuming charge, prepare a dittam or scale of expenditure in respect of each of the temples and submit the same to the trustees for approval. A copy

of the dittam as approved shall be sent to the Board.

10. The Superintendent shall prepare three months before the commencement of every fasli a budget of estimated income and expenditure of that fasli and submit the same for approval to the trustees, provided that the budget for the current fasli shall be prepared and sent by the Superintendent within fifteen days from the fixing of the dittam. A copy of the budget as approved shall be sent to the Board.

11. The Superintendent shall prepare a half-yearly statement of actual receipts and expenditure, both normal and extraordinary, including all loans received or advanced, and publish the same in some conspicuous part of the Devasthanam for the information of the worshippers. A copy of the same shall be forwarded to the Board.

12. (a) The trustees shall forthwith take an inventory of all the jewels and other valuables belonging to the Devasthanam.

(b) The jewels and other valuables required for frequent use shall be kept in a strong room in the Devasthanam secured by two locks, the key of one of which shall be with the Superintendent and the other with the hereditary trustee. The other jewels and valuables required for occasional use shall be kept in the Taluk Treasury at Malvalli.

13. The accounts of the Devasthanam shall be audited once a year or at such intervals as may be decided by the Board by an auditor appointed by the Board, whose remuneration shall be paid from out of the funds of the Devasthanam.

14. If there is any difference of opinion on any matter concerning the administration of the temple between the hereditary trustee and the trustee appointed by the Government of Mysore, - such matter shall be referred to the Board for settlement in consultation with the Muzrai Department of the Government of Mysore.

15. Save in so far as expressly provided herein, the provisions of the Act, the rules and by-laws framed thereunder shall apply to the Devasthanam.

16. In all important matters pertaining to the Charities, the Muzrai Department of the Government of Mysore shall be consulted.

17. When any doubt or dispute arises in construing any of the provisions of this scheme, such doubt or dispute shall be solved or settled by the Board in consultation with the Muzrai Department of the Government of Mysore.

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FROM

Captain G. Kirkbride, I.A.,

SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

Mus 81-31-24

The Financial Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated, Bangalore, the 22nd April 1933.

Subject.

Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and connected charities in the Island of Sivasamudram.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. Pol.772/Muz.81-31-24, dated the 11th February, 1933, I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Mysore, a copy of the proceedings of the Government of Madras, No. Ms.333 L & M., dated the 28th February 1933.

Subject work & cf all file in directed in para 1 supra.

Submit for personal

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

II Member)

25/4/33

Your most obedient servant,

Second Branch 25 APR. 1933 No. 7067

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

BJ

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and connected charities in the island of Sivaswamudram - Revised Draft scheme proposed by the Mysore Government - Communicated to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

Local Self Government Department.

G.O.No. Ms. 833 L & M., dated 28th February, 1933.

Read the following paper:-

Read again letter No. 3310, L & M., dated 10th September, 1931.

Read also:-

Letter from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, No. 2512 E/32-1, dated the 10th February 1932.
Letter from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, No.4999/626-1931, dated the 27th July 1932.
Letter from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, No.23819 E/32-1, dated the 18th September 1932.
Letter from the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, No.23819 E/32-3, dated the 8th February 1933.
Letter from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, No.1407/626-1931, dated the 23rd February 1933.

O R D E R.

A copy of letter No.1407/626-1931, dated the 23rd February 1933, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, forwarding a revised draft scheme in respect of the administration of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and the connected charities in the island of Sivasamudram embodying the views of the Mysore Government, is communicated to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board for necessary action.

(By Order of the Government,
Ministry of Local Self Government)
E. Conran Smith,
Secretary to Government.

To the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board (with enclosure).
Copy to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore (with C.L.)

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SUPERINTENDENT, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

BJ

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FINANCIAL JUL... No.

FROM

Major G. Kirkbride, I.A.,

SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Financial Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENL & FEL 24-33 1933 MYSORE

Mes 81-31-26.

Dated, Bangalore, the 6th July 1933.

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Subject.

Management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and connected charities in the Island of Sivasamudram.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No.3068, dated the 22nd April 1933, I am directed to forward, for information, a copy of the order of the Board of Commissioners for Hindu Religious Endowments, Madras, No.1040 C, dated the 23rd May 1933, settling a scheme of administration for the temples above-mentioned and their endowments.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major,
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS,
Madras.

Tuesday, the 23rd day of May, 1933.
Present.

M.R.Ry. R.Surya Rao Garu, B.A., B.L., President.
" N.Srinivasacharya Avl., B.A., B.L., Commissioner.

O.A.No.320/1930: In the matter of the settlement of a scheme of administration for Sri Ranganathaswami etc., Devasthanams at Sivasamudram, Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore District, and its endowments.

Board's order No.1040/C dated 23-5-1933.

The above matter having come on for final hearing on 29th April, 1933 in the presence of Mr. V. Rama Doss Pantulu Garu, Counsel for the Jagirdar of Sivasamudram, the hereditary trustee of Sri Ranganathaswami etc., Devasthanams, at Sivasamudram, Kollegal taluk Coimbatore District, and having stood over for consideration till this day, the Board after considering all the materials placed before its passes the following

Order.

Whereas the Board is satisfied that in the interests of the better administration of Sri Ranganathaswami etc., Devasthanams, at Sivasamudram; Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore District, and their endowments, a scheme of administration should be settled, the Board after consulting the hereditary trustee, the Government of Mysore, and other persons having interest in the Devasthanams, does hereby settle the following scheme of administration for the Devasthanams and their endowments under Sec.18 and 63 of Madras Act II of 1927

Scheme.

This scheme shall come into operation on the 1st day of June 1933, which date is hereinafter referred to as the date hereof.

2. In this scheme, if not inconsistent with the context, the word 'Act' means the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926 (Madras Act II of 1927) as amended from time to time and all other words and expressions used herein shall have the respective meanings assigned to them by the Act.

3. The temple of Sri Ramganathaswami in the island of Sivasamudram, Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore District, and all other

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minor temples and shrines attached thereto and constituting Sri Ranganathaswami Devasthanam, Sivasamudram, and all the properties, moveable and immoveable which have been, or may hereafter be dedicated to the deity, do and shall vest in the deity known as Sri Ranganathaswami.

4. The above named Devasthanam and its properties, excluding the inam villages of Poorigal and Kaglipur in the Mysore State, shall be administered and managed by the hereditary trustee of the devasthanam (Mr. T. Anantharaya Mudaliyar and his successors from time to time), and another trustee nominated by the Mysore Government in this behalf.

5. The Government of Mysore will appoint, from among the Hindus entitled to worship in the devasthanam, a Superintendent on a monthly salary not exceeding Rs.75/- to be paid out of the Devasthanam funds, and will remove him, when found necessary to do so, in consultation with the Board. The Superintendent shall be subject to the control and supervision, and act in all matters under the directions of the trustee.

6. The Superintendent shall before taking charge of his office or within such time as may be fixed by the Board, give security to the satisfaction of the Board in the amount of Rs.1000/-

7. The duties of the Superintendent shall be as follows:-

(a) He shall be the chief ministerial officer in charge of the office of the Devasthanam and shall have immediate control over the archakas, paricharakas and other servants of the temples, subject however, to the control of the trustees.

(b) He shall maintain regular accounts in accordance with the directions that may be issued by the trustees of the Board.

(c) He shall be in charge of all the stores of the Devasthanam including grains and issue them as and when required for the purpose of pooja and festivals and see to the proper application of the same.

(d) He shall attend to the due performance in proper manner and in proper time of the daily pooja and worship and all the periodical festivals of the Devasthanam.

(e) He shall have the custody of all the records and other valuable documents relating to the Devasthanam.

(f) He shall, besides the foregoing, perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board in consultation with the trustees.

8 (a) The management of the Inam villages of Turigal and Kaglipur in the Malvalli taluk, Mysore district, endowed by the Government of Mysore to the Devasthanam, will continue to vest in the Muzrai Department, of that Government.

(b) The income of the Devasthanam from the said villages together with the accumulated income belonging to the Devasthanam now remaining in the hands of the Mysore Government shall be deposited or invested in such form as may be approved by the Mysore Government.

9. The Superintendent shall, within one month from the date of his assuming charge, prepare a dittam or scale of expenditure in respect of each of the temples, and submit the same to the trustees for approval. A copy of the dittam as approved shall be sent to the Board.

10. The Superintendent shall prepare three months before the commencement of every fasli, a budget of estimated income and expenditure of that fasli and submit the same for approval to the trustees, provided that the budget for the current fasli be prepared and sent by the Superintendent within 15 days from the fixing of the dittam. A copy of the budget as approved shall be sent to the Board.

11. The Superintendent shall prepare a half-yearly statement of actual receipts and expenditure both normal and extraordinary, including all loans received or advanced, and publish the same in some conspicuous part of the Devasthanam for the information of the worshippers. A copy of the same shall be forwarded to the Board.

12.(A.) The trustees shall forthwith take an inventory of all the jewels and other valuables belonging to the Devasthanam.

(b) The jewels and other valuables required for frequent use shall be kept in a strong room in the Devasthanam

secured by two locks, the key of one of which, shall be with the Superintendent, and the other with the hereditary trustee. The other jewels and valuables required for occasional use shall be kept in the Taluk Treasury at Malvalli.

13. The accounts of the Devasthanam shall be audited once a year, or at such intervals as may be decided by the Board by an auditor appointed by the Board, whose remuneration shall be paid from out of the funds of the Devasthanam.

14. If there is any difference of opinion on any matter concerning the administration of the temple between the hereditary trustee and the trustee appointed by the Government of Mysore, such matters shall be referred to the Board for settlement, in consultation with the Muzarai Department of the Government of Mysore.

15. Save in so far as expressly provided herein, the provisions of the Act, the rules and by-laws framed thereunder shall apply to the Devasthanam.

16. In all important matters pertaining to the Devasthanam and the connected charities, the Muzrai Department of the Government of Mysore shall be consulted.

17. When any doubt or dispute arises in construing any of the provisions of this scheme, such doubt or dispute shall be solved or settled by the Board in consultation with the Muzrai Department of the Government of Mysore

A.Balakrishnan,
Ag. Secretary.

Forwarded
(By order)

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Superintendent.

The annexure to this order containing the grounds of the above decision will be furnished on receipt of a copy application for the same(duly stamped with two annas court fee stamp) together with the copying and postal charges amounting to Rs.7/0/0

M.R.Ry. T.R.Anandaraya Mudaliyar Avl., Jagirdhar and trustee of Sri Ranganathaswami etc., Devasthanams, Sivasamudram Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore District.
2. M.R.Ry. V.Rama Doss Pantulu Garu, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Mylapore, Madras.
3. The Inspector, Hindu Religious Endowments, Coimbatore District, (with extra copy for affixture and report)
4. The Treasury Deputy Collector, Coimbatore District(covering letter)

Office of the Board of Commissioners
for Hindu Religious Endowments,
Cathedral Post, Madras.

Annexure to Board's Order No.1040 C dated 23-5-1933.

O.A.No.320/1930: Sri Ranganathaswami Temple, Sivasamudram Island, Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore District.

As early as the 6th of April 1929 the Mysore Government addressed the Government of Madras about mismanagement of the devasthanam and its ~~issue~~ inams by their manager the Jagirdar of Sivasamudram. The villages of Purigal and Koglipur in the Malvalle Taluk of the Mysore District are practically the only endowments yielding income to this temple. They were granted by the Mysore Government for the maintenance of the above temples and the connected charities. The Mysore government received upto 1925 several complaints of mismanagement of the above endowments and ~~xx~~ misuse of the income derived from the said inam villages. The Jagirdar was given several chances for improving his management, but in vain. Heavy arrears of rents had been left uncollected. Under these circumstances the Government of Mysore after a detailed enquiry resumed the said inam villages under their control and resolved to manage them for the benfit of the institutions concerned. In view of the fact that the temple of Sri Ranganathaswam in Sivasamudram is a very ancient institution and is held in high esteem by the public, and also of the fact that the Mysore Government are the Grantors of the endowments they desired that the temple should be properly maintained and so addressed the Government of Madras for being allowed to manage the said temples and the connected charities at Sivasamudram, themselves.

2. On the Madras Government consulting this Board about this, the Board was first obliged to start an enquiry regarding the character of the above institution. The jagirdar of Sivasamudram, in answer to notices under sec.84 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, set up his own absolute right to the endowments and to the temple and claimed them as his own private property. The enquiry formed the subject matter of O.A.No.450 of 1930. The Board passed the order No.96 dated 30-1-1931 holding that the temples of Sri Ranganathaswami etc., above named, are public and 'exeepted' coming under the purview of the Hindu

Religious Endowments Act, the trusteeship being hereditary in the family of the Jagirdar.

3. The enquiry into the alleged mismanagement was then taken up by the Board. It appeared from the various communications from the Mysore Government and the papers furnished by the Muzrai Commissioner of Mysore to the Commissioner of this Board who interviewed him, that the management by the Jagirdar of the endowments in question had been very unsatisfactory and that the temples suffered in consequence. No doubt it transpired at the local enquiry held by the said Commissioner at Sivasamudram, in November 1931, that after the resumption of the inams, the Jagirdar had been maintaining the services in the temple at his own cost though on a much smaller scale, and evincing a great desire to improve the affairs of the temple. Nevertheless the fact of mismanagement in the previous years could not be gainsaid, and so the Board was satisfied that there was a sufficient case for settling a scheme for the better management of the above temples and their endowments, and directed the usual consultation notices to be issued. The order to this effect was made on 21-1-1932 (vide N.F., pages 18 and 19). On that date and at the previous hearings, the Jagirdar was represented by his vakil.

4. The actual terms of the scheme to be settled was the subject matter of a long correspondence between this Board through the Madras Government and the Government of Mysore. At the outset it was pointed out to the Government of Mysore that there is no provision in the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, whereby the hereditary right of the Jagirdar to the trusteeship of the above temples could be ignored and their management transferred to the Mysore Government. Nor could the said temple be exempted from the operation of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act under Sec.3 thereof as desired by the Mysore Government, for that would only leave the Jagirdar free to 'mismanage' without vesting any power in the Mysore Government over the endowments of the temple. Hence in settling the the terms of the scheme the Board was willing to give effective control to the Mysore Government consistent with the residuary

powers under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, remaining with the Board. Negotiations went on on this basis with Mysore Government, with the result that they forwarded to the Madras Government a draft scheme with their letter dated 23-2-1933. This draft was notified for final consultation under Sec.63 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

5. At the final hearing Mr. V. Rama Doss, Advocate appeared for the hereditary trustee. He first raised an objection to the settlement of a scheme on the ground that the villages above mentioned were the absolute properties of the Jagirdar subject only to the burden of his maintaining the temples in question and so a scheme could not be framed in respect of them. This Board cannot go into the question of Civil right to property, especially the more so, to those lying beyond British territories. The present position is that the Government of Mysore wherein the villages are situated have decided that the said inam belongs to the said temples and the charities and not to the Jagirdar personally and consequently have resumed the management thereof under the provisions of their Muzrai Regulations, they being the supreme trustees of all religious and charitable endowments in that territory. The Jagirdar must establish his claim to personal rights, if any, in due course of law as he may be advised. If he succeeds, it would then be time enough to consider how far the provisions of the scheme now to be framed would or would not be binding on him. This objection, therefore, cannot stay our hands now.

6. The learned counsel next states that the temple is well looked after by the Jagirdar and so whatever may be the management of the inam villages there is no need to frame a scheme for the temple. We are unable to accede to this view. The management of a temple cannot be separated from that of its endowments. The temple premises and its contents form but parts of its endowments. The temple services cannot get on properly unless the temple property and its income be properly safeguarded. The Jagirdar was found wanting in his capacity to cope with the

management of the affairs of the temple endowments, at any rate. The Board received a communication on 25-4-1933 also from a land-holder of Bellakavadi in Malavalle taluk to the effect that the conditions in the temple had become worse and that the pooja in Ranganathaswami temple had been completely stopped for three or four months before. Without properly realising the incomes of the endowments the services in the temple cannot be efficiently or continuously maintained. We must reject this objection also.

7. Mr. Rama Doss next contends that inasmuch as a paid Superintendent is to be appointed by the Government of Mysore for carrying on the routine administration (Cl.5.of the draft) there is no need for associating a nominee of the Mysore Government with the hereditary trustee. This alone will not give effective control in the management to the Mysore Government as they desire. We see no reason why we should grudge it in the face of all that has happened before. On the other hand, we hope that the association of the Mysore Government as such in the management of the temple will be of great advantage to it. The objection is over-ruled.

8. Lastly the learned counsel draws our attention to the word 'excluding' in Cl.4. of the draft scheme. He states that in as much as his client is the hereditary trustee he is as such entitled to manage all the endowments of the temple. According to the counsel, Cl.8(a) which provides that the management of inam villages of Purigal and Koglipur should continue to vest in the Muzrai Department of Mysore, is sufficient to safe-guard the powers of the Mysore Government; and so it is not necessary to exclude it in clause 4, as the exclusion might mean a diminution of the rights of general trusteeship in the Jagirdar. We do not think so. So long as it is conceded that the right of management of the two villages should be exclusively in the hands of the Mysore Government, we see no objection to that idea being repeated elsewhere in the scheme as the Mysore Government would have it. Moreover, if those villages be viewed as a specific endowments--there is every reason for viewing it as such -- by virtue of Sec.41 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, its management would vest exclusively in the trustee of that endowment although the performance of the

charity out of that endowments would be subject to the general Superintendence of the General Trustee or Trustees. For these reasons this objection also is over-ruled.

9. In the result we accept the said draft scheme, and direct that it shall be adopted and brought into force immediately.

Scheme

(Vide Board's Order No.1040 dated 23-5-1933.)

(True copy) Sd.R.Surya Rao,
President,
Sd.N. Srinivasacharya,
Commissioner.

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SUPERINTENDENT RESIDENT'S OFFICE,
Bangalore.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT,

No. 122 Income scheme (Mag 81-31-2) Dated, Bangalore, 31st July 1933 2nd August 80

From

The Financial Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Puzrai Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your No.638 25-26 dated 6th December 1932 suggesting certain alterations in the draft scheme for the management of Sri Ranganathaswami and other temples and connected charities in the island of Sivasamudram, I am directed to forward herewith for further action copy of the order of the Board of Commissioners for Hindu Religious Endowments across No.10400 dated 23rd May 1933 settling a scheme of administration for the said temples and their endowments together with copy of the annexure thereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Financial Secretary to Government.

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SUBJECT 81

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To

The M.E.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 2/8/33

Signed by B. Muddukrishnappa

Sir,

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